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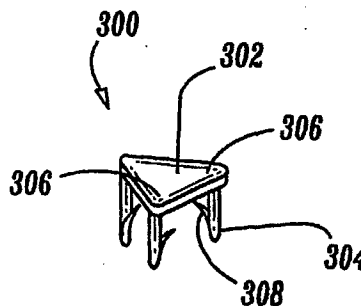
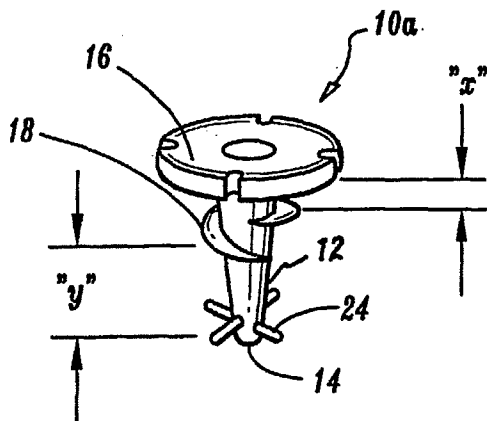
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(57) Abstract: Surgical fasteners, including tasks are disclosed for fastening a surgical mesh to underlying tissue during surgical procedures to repair body tissue, such as in hernia repair. Such tacks can include a head (16), a elongated body portion (12) having a distal end and a proximal end (14), and an anchoring element (24) on an outer surface of the body portion for inhibiting the removal of the tack from the mesh and body tissue.

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1. Claims: 1-25

A tack according to claim 1 with a specific design of the anchoring element

1.1. Claims: 1-16,25

A tack according to claim 1, wherein the anchoring element is a helical thread

1.2. Claims: 1,17-20

A tack according to claim 1, wherein the anchoring element is at least one resilient prong

1.3. Claims: 1,21-24

A tack according to claim 1, wherein the anchoring element includes at least one barb

2. Claims: 26-35

A tack according to claim 1 comprising at least two legs

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